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1. Luftnachrichtenschule and Fliegerhorst Kaserne:

Still occupied by about 3,000 troops, mostly recruits, possibly belonging to the following units, according to observations over a long period of time:

a. Headquarters of a mechanized guards division. Many officers and motor vehicles from out of town were observed.

b. A division signal battalion, quartered in the immediate vicinity of the divison headquarters. The battalion allegedly operated a radio station in the soutnern section of the Luftnachrichtenschule.

c. An engineer battalion, or elements of such, with troops wearing black epaulets, some with crossed-hammer insignia.

d. A mechanized guards regiment, quartered in the Luftnachrichtenschule.

e. A heavy tank regiment, stationed in the area of the Fliegerhorst Kaserne, equipped with Shchuka tanks.

f. A guards SP artillery regiment, stationed in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne.

g. Other units in the Fliegerhorst Kaserne area were an AT artillery unit, a field artillery unit, a mortar unit, a rocket launcher unit, an AAA unit and a tank unit.

2. The following branch-of-service colors and insignia were observed in the Kaserne listed according to their frequency:

Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia

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Black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Black epaulets with signal insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets with motor transport insignia

Black epaulets with axe-and-spade insignia

Black epaulets with crossed-hammer insignia

Blue-bordered black epaulets with crossed-hammer, anchor and propeller insignia.

3. The following heavy weapons were observed:

Two 76.2-mm AT guns used during service of the piece drill

Four T34 tanks, three with a 1-meter-high rod antenna at the rear, were standing near the fuel dump.

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5. Miscellaneous information:

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c. Six T34 tanks, allegedly belonging to a unit in the Flak Kaserne, Koernlitz, were observed in Heidecklee, heading toward Halle, in mid-February 1950.

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The following observations were made in Halle between 6 and 20 February 1950:

6. Flak Kaserne, Koernlitz:

a. Occupied to capacity by 2,000 to 2,500 troops, allegedly belonging to the following units:

(1) A mechanized guards regiment

(2) A medium tank regiment, equipped with T34 tanks

(3) A motor battalion equipped with 120-mm mortars

(4) A field artillery unit

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7. Klueber Kaserne:

a. Occupied by about 600 troops wearing the following branch-of-service colors, listed according to their frequency:

Black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Black-bordered red epaulets with motor transport insignia

Red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia

Black epaulets with motor transport insignia.

b. The Kaserne was allegedly occupied by the following units:

(1) An infantry battalion with black-bordered red epaulets furnishing guard personnel for all Halle SCG offices

(2) A motor transport or supply headquarters

(3) A motor pool of the SCG

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(1) [redacted] the Luftnachrichtenschule and the adjoining Fliegerhorst Kaserne, Halle, to be occupied by the headquarters, the signal battalion and various component units of a division. 25X1X

All units stationed in these casernes belong to the 21st Gds Mecz Div. The report confirms the 60 21st Gds Mecz Div, the ? 60 Gds Sig Bn and the ? 60 (250th ?) AA Regt as being in the casernes. 25X1X

(2) [redacted] the Flak Kaserne, Halle-Doemlitz, to be occupied by infantry, artillery and tank units. At least one mechanized regiment of the 21st Gds Mecz Div has been assumed to be stationed there. The report indicates that elements of the medium tank regiment of this division may also be in the Flak Kaserne.

(3) According to available information the Kluever Kaserne is occupied

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by motor transport units (headquarters units?) of the Eighth U.S Army, SCC motor transport units and SCC guard units.

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